

OPINION 1812

ELMIDAE Curtis, 1830 (Insecta, Coleoptera): conserved as the correct original spelling, and the gender of *Elmis* Latreille, 1802 ruled to be feminine

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Ruling

(1) It is hereby ruled that:

(a) the gender of the generic name *Elmis* Latreille, 1802 is feminine;

(b) for the purposes of Article 29 of the Code the stem of the generic name *Elmis* Latreille, 1802 is ELM-.

(2) The name *Elmis* Latreille, 1802 (gender: feminine, as ruled in (1)(a) above), type species by monotypy *Elmis maugetii* Latreille, 1802, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *maugetii* Latreille, 1802, as published in the binomen *Elmis maugetii* (specific name of the type species of *Elmis* Latreille, 1802), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name ELMIDAE Curtis, 1830 (type genus *Elmis* Latreille, 1802), spelling ruled in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2861

An application for the conservation of the family-group name ELMIDAE Curtis, 1830 as the correct original spelling, and for the gender of the generic name *Elmis* Latreille, 1802 to be ruled as feminine, was received from Dr M.A. Jäch (*Naturhistorisches Museum, Wien, Austria*) on 28 August 1992. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **51**: 25–27 (March 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Dr G.N. Foster (*The Balfour-Browne Club, Ayr, Scotland, U.K.*) was published in BZN **51**: 281 (September 1994). Support was also received from Dr Hans Silfverberg (*Zoological Museum, Helsinki University, Finland*).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1994 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **51**: 26. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1995 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Štys, Thompson, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Cogger, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin and Uéno.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

ELMIDAE Curtis, 1830, *British entomology*, vol. 7, pl. 294.

Elmis Latreille, 1802, *Histoire naturelle des fourmis*, p. 398.

maugettii, *Elmis*, Latreille, 1802, *Histoire naturelle des fourmis*, p. 400.